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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I wanted to write you to express my appreciation for the very cooperative attitude which you and members of your Administration have shown in the development of the new Executive Order to implement your recent decision on the reorganization of the Intelligence Community. I believe the participation of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in this joint effort has been unique and bodes well for the development of statutory charters for our vital intelligence activities. I share your view that the passage of such legislation would be a major accomplishment.

As we agreed at our meeting on August 26, the Senate Select Committee will send out revised drafts of statutory charters shortly after final agreement is reached on the text of a new Executive Order. These drafts, as we agreed, will be used as the basis for Executive Branch comments on charter legislation. Use of these as the working drafts should facilitate the development of legislation acceptable to both the Executive Branch and the Congress.

Once again, my thanks. I will, as you suggested, be in touch with you if there are any problems. Please do not hesitate to let me know if I can be of any help.

Very truly yours,



Walter D. Huddleston
Chairman, Subcommittee on
Charters and Guidelines

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